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### ENVIRONMENT

## EPA provides update on Upper Animas

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Environmental Protection Agency visited the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Thursday, Jan. 28 to provide updates on the EPA's response to the Gold King Mine and the upper Animas Superfund Site status.

The informational meeting gave Tribal Council and tribal staff a chance to hear about the water treatment ponds developed at Gladstone and about the process of getting Barker Park (aka Upper Animas) Mining District on the EPA's National Priorities List.

Knowing that the winter weather would make the Gold King Mine inaccessible the EPA developed a treatment pond down the mountain from the mine,



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost (right) and Melvin J. Baker talk with Martin Hestmark, Assistant Regional Administrator for the EPA, about the updates regarding EPA's response to the Gold King Mine spill.

at Gladstone, which is currently treating the water coming from the mine.

Before the weather turned, the EPA was able to stabilize part of the mine and has gained access 65ft into the mine, David Ostrander, Director of Emergency Response and Pre-

paredness Program, said.

"Our intention is to find where the water is coming from in the mine. The mine is stable at this point, as spring comes we will continue exploring it," Ostrander said.

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### ENVIRONMENT

## SUGF responds to allegations of contamination

Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Officials from Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council and Red Will Production Company recently met with the La Plata County Commission on Tuesday, Jan. 26 to give an update on the investigation of Thurston Spring, which was allegedly reported that oil wells belonging to Red Will Production Company was contaminating the nearby residence.

Jennifer Thurston contacted Red Willow Production Company on May 13, 2015 after concerns arose regarding gas and oil activities that have impacted a natural spring on her property located between Highway 550 and Rainbow Road, just north of County Road 214. She reported the die-off of piñon and juniper trees, which she claimed was linked to nearby



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Councilman, Tyson Thompson speaks with the La Plata County Commissioners in regards to the Thurston Springs investigation on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

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### IHS WRESTLING

## Grapplers grab fourth at Melton Invite

Two rule at, two saluted at home meet

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Having seen two older, since-graduated brothers strive to prevail at the Butch Melton Memorial Invitational, Ignacio's Lorenzo Pena could perceive how badly Tyler Beebe would have wanted a first-place medal.

"I think it's pretty important to win this last tournament here in Ignacio," said the standout junior inside IHS Gymnasium on Saturday, Jan. 30. "I don't think you really want to get beat in your last home tournament ... but I think everyone would like to get first in this!"

Having prepped to face 2A San Juan Basin League beast Case Baughman (Dove Creek) by destroying non-league 2A Cedaredge senior Wyatt Hamilton via an 18-2 technical fall in the 132-pound division's semifinals, Beebe also budgeted some time to simply enjoy the event's 2016 incarnation and unwound with a friend-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio 160-pounder Lorenzo Pena swings a leg over the top of Bayfield's Macoy Michaeli during the 2016 Butch Melton Memorial Invitational's championship at the weight, Jan. 30 inside IHS Gymnasium. Pena prevailed to win by 10-2 major decision.

ly rumble against inactive senior Wyatt Mickas.

"Being part of our team has been huge for him – and huge for the boys – in ways outside of wrestling, in character," said head coach Jordan Larsen, who'd verbally saluted both individuals prior to the start of final-round action. "Giving the kid something to believe in ... the rest of his life – he loves wrestling, like a convert!"

You can't beat the enthusiasm of a convert, and he's a full convert at this point!"

"He's got special relationships with several boys on the team, along with Coach [Cody] Haga and myself and Coach [Jacob] Appenzeller ... it's just really cool to at least be able to distinguish him a little bit because he's not always the kid who wins matches."

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## Cloud appointed vice chair



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Clement J. Frost, chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, has appointed Lorelei Cloud his new vice chairwoman. Frost announced the appointment in a memo Tuesday, Jan. 26. This is Cloud's first term on Tribal Council, thus her first time serving as vice chair. She joined Tribal Council December of 2015 after working as the Southern Ute Growth Fund's Red Willow Production Company's Land Assistant Supervisor.

### TRIBAL ARTISTS

## Thompson's mural brings culture to SunUte

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Preserving culture is often the topic of several conversations around Indian Country. Since the assimilation of Native Americans into the "white man's world," much of the culture has been lost. However, many Natives are determined to keep the traditions alive by any means necessary. Southern Ute tribal member, Conrad Thompson, is using his artwork as a means to promote and preserve the culture.

Since early-November, Thompson has been working on a cultural mural titled, "Strong Spirit, Strong Mind, Strong Body," inside the SunUte Community Center. The mural serves as a reminder to all SunUte visitors that they're in a Native-owned facility and what Native American culture is, Thompson said.

Mural page 3



courtesy Trennie Collins

Tribal member artist, Conrad Thompson finishes up his cultural mural inside the SunUte Community Center, Wednesday, Jan. 20. All copyrights to the mural belong to Thompson and permission was given to the Drum to feature this photo.

## Rockin' back to the 80's



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Best 80's Hair Band went to Jontique Velasco and Karen Washington, employees of the Southern Multi-Purpose Facility, who dressed up as Axl Rose and Slash from Guns N' Roses during the Southern Ute employee Snowdown Throwdown.





SUPD

# Skimming scams at ATM and gas pump keyboards

Staff report  
SU Police Dept.

The Southern Ute Police Department has been made aware of a technology scam now hitting businesses in the Four Corners area. “Skimming” is a scam using fake keyboards, Wi-Fi and hidden cameras to capture your credit or debit card information from ATM machines, video rental machines, gas pumps and car washes. Any place a credit or debit card could be used is a target. Thieves have an online marketplace for your stolen bankcard information to be sold to the highest bidder. In minutes, your stolen data can be used at a bank or business hundreds of miles away.

The thieves steal your card information by copying a real card reader and gathering the information off the magnetic strip on the back of the card. Next, they gather the password or pin information by either duplicating a keyboard or recording the keyboard using a hidden camera.

These copycat parts look very similar to the real

readers and keyboards but are made to be temporary for a few short hours before the thieves move on to their next target. The keypad may sound hollow or not work as well because thieves might glue the fake over the real one. There may be loose corners or visible wiring under the pad that would give away the fake. There could be a new trim piece directly over the keypad that would hold a very tiny camera and recording device. Use your hand to block anyone’s view of the keyboard when you enter your pin number.

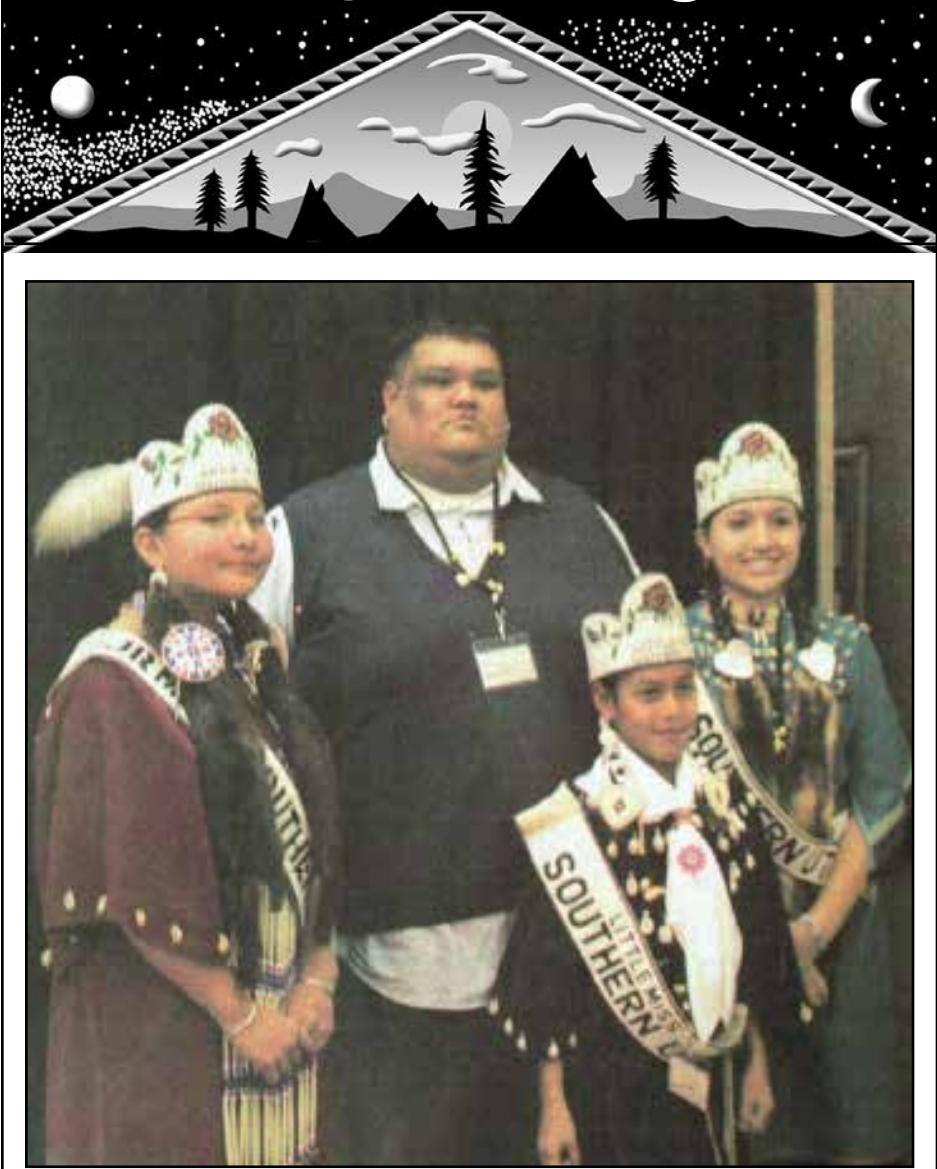
Fake card readers have been found attached directly to the regular card reader or located just above the card reader so the fake device reads the same information as the regular device. Any device that duplicates reading the same card information twice is suspicious and should be avoided then reported to the business involved. Some bold thieves have even pried up keypads and attached equipment inside the machines. Be cautious of anything

that is loose, crooked or damaged. If a machine doesn’t return the card, report it to your financial institution immediately.

Thieves have been caught when people reported suspicious equipment to their banks and businesses. Police departments have also become better at finding the fake technology while it is still attached to the real machines. If you have any suspicions, use a different machine. Machines inside supermarkets and business are somewhat safer since they are under constant surveillance from employees. Fuel pumps at the far end of a business and remotely located ATMs become easier targets for thieves and a higher risk to you.

Skimming is now everywhere in the country. When you travel, be extra careful how you use your bankcard in tourist areas. Thieves target areas where people are using unfamiliar machines. The Southern Ute Police Department would like you to stay safe and protect your hard earned money.

## Many Moons Ago



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Jim Newton Jr. helps introduce the 2005-2006 Southern Ute Royalty (left to right) Junior Miss Southern Ute Kayleen Monroe, Little Miss Southern Ute A-mya Anderson, and Miss Southern Ute Tyla Frost, at the North American Indigenous Games Chef De Mission training held in Denver, Colorado January 16-19.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 3, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## Feral horses captured



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Range Division successfully captured nine trespass feral horses off tribal land near Archuleta Mesa. The number of horses has been steadily increasing for a number of years. The horses have a negative impact on native wildlife and vegetation. The effort to remove feral horses has been going on for several years and remains ongoing. Population dynamics are always changing so capture success varies.



The capture of the feral horses is a cooperative effort between the Department of Natural Resources and Justice and Regulatory Department. These pictures of the horses being corraled, were taken Friday, Feb. 5.

Tribal Rangers and Animal Control process the trespass horses after they are captured. It requires a team effort to be successful. Thank you to all the staff who have worked to make it happen.



SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Ramona Frost and daughter T.J. demonstrating to the head start class of Mrs. Phyllis Lucero the various Indian dresses that the Utes wore.

This photo first appeared in the Feb. 7, 1986, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## DNR hosts open house



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Department of Natural Resources hosted an open house at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility on Wednesday, Jan. 27, inviting Southern Ute tribal members to learn more about the different divisions and their services to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The departments present included Fish & Wildlife, Lands Division, Forestry Division, Bison Program, and the Air Quality Program. Guests were treated with a lunch that consisted of enchiladas, beans, salad, and bison stew. Marjorie Borst, bison educator, displays her bison cookbook that features numerous recipes using bison meat.



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## IGNACIO LIBRARY

# Library to continue Latino Americans: 500 Years series

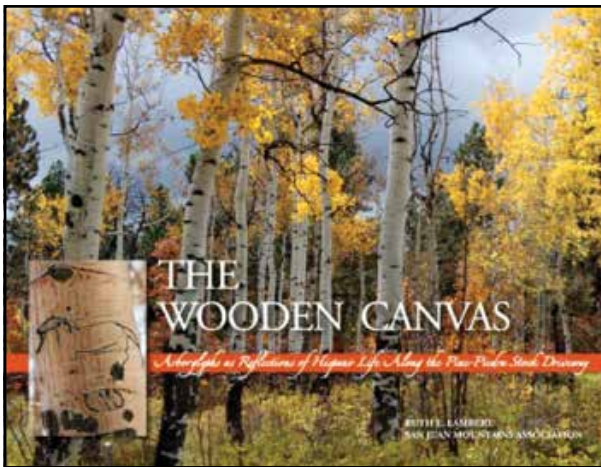
**Staff report**

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Ignacio Community Library will continue its Latino Americans: 500 Years of History series focusing on the local Latino community.

Our next program The Wooden Canvas Project will center on the documentation of Hispano herding depicted in arborglyphs around southwest Colorado. San Juan Mountains Association Cultural Program Director Ruth Lambert, Ph.D., will lead this presentation.

In 2015, The Wooden Canvas won First Place History from the Colorado Independent Publishers Association (CIPA). The project is also set to receive the Carolyn Bancroft History Prize for 2015 and Dr. Lambert will accept



the award at the Colorado Preservation Inc.'s Conference in Denver.

### Lecture with local author Ruth Lambert

"The Wooden Canvas" Saturday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m. at Ignacio Community Library

This lecture is the fourth program initiated through the grant Latino Americans: 500 Years of History funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and American Library Association (ALA). All programs are free and open to the public. For more information on this and future programs, please contact us at 970-563-9287.

## SUNUTE

# Collaboration focuses on fitness

**Staff report**  
SU INDIAN TRIBE

The Justice and Regulatory Department (J&R), SunUte Community Center, and the Tribal Administration have joined forces on an initiative that will allow J&R staff – those who are required to take annual physical agility tests – full access to the SunUte Community Center 24 hours a day, seven days a week to better focus on their fitness. The extended hours of access are meant to meet the 24-hour shift needs of law enforcement.

The free-of-charge service is aimed to keep the law enforcement that protects the community in fit

condition. The Tribal Administration fully supports this agreement and believes this initiative will be beneficial to the whole community. With more law enforcement exercising at SunUte there will be a heightened sense of security all hours of the day at the facility. This agreement will also give law enforcement a chance to mingle and build relationships with the community they serve to protect.

With supervisory approval, the Tribal Administration allows J&R staff one hour to exercise during their shift. So don't be alarmed if you see law enforcement working out while on duty as they are still required

to respond to ALL service calls as needed.

Per J&R policy, all law enforcement personnel must pass a physical agility test twice a year. Therefore, the recent initiative also includes the expectation that all J&R staff accessing SunUte will have bi-annual fitness assessments to measure the improvement of their health over time.

Furthermore, exercising regularly has positive effects on the overall physical and mental well being of an individual. This is especially important for our law enforcement personnel who are in a highly stressful and emotionally taxing job day in and day out.

## MURAL BRINGS CULTURE • FROM PAGE 1

"I think that it is in a really good spot, because we have a lot of people coming in from the community to use the facility," he said.

Thompson enjoys his culture and his traditional upbringing and showcases his views of Native American culture with this mural – his biggest art piece yet.

"This is my interpretation of Native American culture ... not just Ute art but also a universal theme of Native America," he said.

Thompson's mural consists of a star that he says comes from Sioux Country. It is used in this art piece as a means of showing strength.

He chose to use a bald eagle when he could've used a golden eagle, because the bald eagle is the symbol of America and we were assimilated by America, he said.

"In this image the eagle represents winter, and we use the eagle as a messenger to the Creator, I thought it was interesting because the eagle carries our prayers as Native Americans and now it carries our prayers as American people, that's why I used the bald eagle."

The elk in the mural represents being fruitful and symbolizes the fall season, he said. The bear represents springtime and the waking of the bear – when Utes host their Bear Dance.

The buffalo represents summer and symbolizes the way a Native American tribe's council was formed. The council was formed to emulate how the buffalo care for their herd, he said.

"They had leaders and sub chiefs that took care of the overall herd ... they made sure everyone from the youngest to the oldest were taken care of. That's how Native Americans used to take care of their tribes," he said.

At the very top of the mural are two faces that represent the elders.

"The images on the top are our elders or ancestors, they are Ute and the man is a Sun Dancer, but what they are wearing is not necessarily Ute culture. Depending on how you look at it, the man or woman is wearing the feather, but to me the

man and woman share the feather. Ute people didn't necessarily wear feathers that way; some would say that style came from another northern tribe, the Shoshoni. The Ute people were nomads and moved all over the place. I used the star and feather in this art piece to illustrate that they sit above the village where they should be, these are values we should strive to carry," Thompson said.

Thompson also said that his mural is more than what meets the eye. The mural serves as a reminder that the ancestors and elders as well as the culture they took care of should be held in a high regard; a respect he feels is not being given.

"The elders committee just got abolished all together. The elders carried our culture in a time where you would be killed just for being an Indian ... and the council can actually change that and respect the elders enough to give them back their committee, but they don't do it," he said. "Without the elders we wouldn't have any of this."

It also touches on issues with cultural sensitivity and the loss of culture within the tribal organization, he said.

"When some tribal members with tribal businesses need help, Tribal Council says they have policies preventing them from helping you because that has to do with promoting your own tribal business, but if they believed in the people and in the culture the way they say they do, they would be helping out the membership more; that's the whole reason for them running, to help out the membership, to help us grow as a nation and be proud of who we are. When they are running for council you don't hear them saying they will promote policy"

Thompson said he was reluctant to even do the mural, but he finally decided to do so because he used the SunUte facilities in the past to help him lose weight.

"I didn't want to work with these people because I didn't think I would be respected, but I decided to do the piece

because I used the facilities to go from 307 to 207 pounds," Thompson said. "One thing I seen about SunUte is that it is a really nice facility and the staff treats the people really well ... they treated everyone with respect ... I didn't think much of the management though."

Due to security and safety policies, Thompson said he wasn't able to work after hours, a time when he could've played his own music and worked in a peaceful environment without constant traffic.

"It's my belief that when you do any kind of art piece, whether it is music from, sweat, powwows, peyote, Sun Dance, guitars, round dance, or Bear Dance, or if you dance and participate in any of these ways or you have your own tribe's ways you as an artist put a piece of yourself into it. When you're doing a cultural piece you have to put some sort of culture into it, and that's what I was wanting to do by playing music, I couldn't play when people were around because of cultural sensitivity."

Though Thompson says the whole process didn't go as smoothly as he had hoped, the mural is complete and will serve its purpose; reminding visitors about the culture of Native Americans.

"If you look at the picture it has a spirit of its own ... as dynamic as it is you see anger and that's what I was feeling a lot of, that's why the animals faces look the way they do and that's why the woman's face has a smirk on it," he said. "I specifically used those expressions for this piece to show that anger that I was feeling towards a lot of these people that were saying they're culturally sensitive, yet they don't show any cultural sensitivity what so ever."

### Editor's note:

Thompson is the exclusive owner to the copy rights of the cultural mural titled, "Strong Spirit, Strong Mind, Strong Body," and gave permission to The Southern Ute Drum to feature the photo of his artwork for this story.

## MUSEUM UPDATE

### MUSEUM WINTER HOURS BEGIN

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, will start our winter schedule of Tuesday through Friday until Memorial Day weekend, (May 27, 2016). The museum's Permanent Gallery is closed for maintenance. Please call 970-563-9583 for further information.

## Valentine's Day Powwow

Saturday, Feb. 13 • Multi-Purpose Facility  
Gourd Dance 3 – 5 p.m. • Grand Entry 7 p.m.  
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### HEAD STAFF

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WELLNESS

## Promoting wellness through art

By **Trennie Collins**  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center has opened up a whole new door for the inmates at the Southern Ute Detention Center by publishing a 2016 calendar with their art work being the main focus.

The art therapy program started almost a year ago, in March of 2015 with the then art instructor being tribal elder, Arlene Millich. After Millich left, Timothy Murphy stepped in to take over the art therapy, which is held inside the Southern Ute Detention Center twice a week.

With the funding for the art therapy coming from the Southern Ute Education Department, Murphy is able to go into the detention center and provide a different type of therapy outlet, for his students.

“We need to get them enthused about the art. We need to give them a break to do something productive and forget all the other stuff. This is a good release place for them,” Murphy said.

Murphy has an extensive history in teaching. He taught a lot of kids programs, did a lot of coaching and also coached an equestrian team youth program in Arizona. He was also a professional horse rider who loves to help others. Murphy has also done a lot of murals and owned an art business in Scottsdale, AZ, which has been featured on MTV Cribs, Phoenix Home and Garden, and Easy Living.

The calendar started to



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The 2016 Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center’s first student calendar features art from students. This colored pencil piece titled ‘Walking in Space’ was drawn by Barry Cloud of the Dancing Spirit Art Therapy class.

come to fruition when Kasey Correia, director of Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center and Murphy wanted to start to get the artists some exposure. Many of these students have also placed in local art contests – like the recent art contest held by Peaceful Spirit. These students swept that art contest taking places 1st, 2nd and 3rd. With Dancing Spirits goal being to create long lasting relationships, they are trying to get some artists to do an art gallery opening within the Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center.

“We do want to create

long lasting relationships. We want to expand the program when they get out. We want to provide them classes and open studio time. So you have a place they can go and create an after program with Tim,” Correia said.

With the full support and sponsorship from the Town of Ignacio, you can pick up your calendar today at Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center at the new ELHI Community Center, 115 Ute St. Ignacio, Colo.

“We want to engage them and help them be successful.” said Correia.

TRIBAL HEALTH

## Tribal member health ID card and benefits

Staff report  
TRIBAL HEALTH DEPT.

As we go into 2016 – We would like to remind you of a couple of important aspects when using your benefits provided by the Southern Ute Tribe

Please make sure that you present the Tribal Health ID Card to your doctor on your next visit as this will help to get the your bills processed quicker and will help you to utilize all the aspects of the plan and assist you in coordinating your medical plans.

This will also assist in avoiding unnecessary delays and/or collection notices. This card gives your

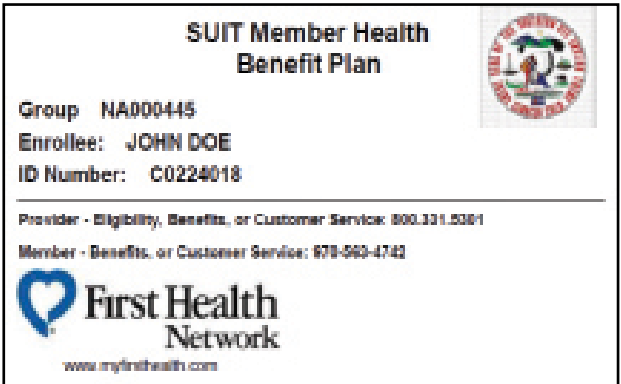
provider the critical information they need to file claims on your behalf.

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Should you have any questions, please feel free

to contact any of the contacts listed below from The Tribal Health Department:

- **Erika Atencio**, 970-563-4704
- **Misha Weaver**, 970-563-4716
- **Cindy Gallegos**, 970-563-4813



### EPA, ANIMAS UPDATE • FROM PAGE 1

Exploring the mine and finding out where the water is coming from is a necessary task, he said.

“To not have to treat the water forever, that would be a good thing. We’re trying to open lines up to see if we can keep the water from getting acidic, so we don’t have to treat it,” Martin Hestmark said, EPA Region 8 assistant regional administrator said.

Currently, the mine is discharging 500 gallons per minute – 720,000 gallons a day. At the time of the spill four days worth of waste was dispelled at once, Hestmark said.

The EPA also discussed getting the Barker Park Mining District (Upper Animas) on the National Priorities List under Superfund, which would lead to eventual clean up of the area.

In order to be put on the

list, the site is first evaluated using the Hazard Ranking System, a screening tool, which scores the relative threat to human health and the environment. The HRS assigns each site a score between 0-100, with scores of 28.5 and above being eligible for the NPL designation.

But getting on the list doesn’t necessarily mean a quick fix.

“It is likely a 20 to 30 year project,” EPA program director, Johanna Miller Assessment and Revitalization Program, said about the mining district.

The good news is that the EPA already has a lot of information about the district, Hestmark said.

“We tried to list the site in 1998. As a matter of practice and policy we want the community to list the site, the community didn’t want to list the site [in 1998],”

Hestmark said.

But now, getting the site designated is receiving more support from those who were affected by the spill. Just last Tuesday, Jan. 26, the La Plata County Commission approved a resolution in support of Superfund designation to address cleanup in the Silverton area.

“What role do we play in the Superfund decision and the designation of the site,” Southern Ute Chairman Clement J. Frost asked.

It would be very important to have the tribe’s support to make the site Superfund, Miller said.

Hestmark reiterated the important role the tribe plays in the designation.

“A letter from the Southern Ute Government to Governor John Hickenlooper would be instrumental,” he said.

### SUGF, CONTAMINATION • FROM PAGE 1

natural gas production from Red Willow wells.

Karen Spray, exploration and production manager for the Southern Ute Growth Fund, provided information to the La Plata County Commission to claim that the Red Willow wells were not the culprit for the contamination.

“When Red Willow investigated the incident, we looked at all the wells and checked the flow meter, only to find no loss of fluid,” she said. “None of our wells are connected to [Thurston’s] property since they stretch northeast and south from the location. We started geological assessment back in June and did all the necessary actions until early October. The landowner was saying we were injecting contaminants into the wells, and that’s just not true.”

Spray claimed that the investigation turned up with no results of methane, carbon

dioxide, carbon monoxide, or hydrogen sulfide found in the soil. She stated that the solidness and density in the springs could likely be a result of a wet season.

“The spring’s water is actually drinkable, and the solidness and density will clear itself out naturally. It’s been moist these past couple of years, and piñon and juniper don’t survive well in wet conditions. Springs flow more and sometimes flow less. We’ve had a wet September followed by a wet spring season, but we took all precautions to ensure that the tribe was responsible. We’ve had no history of age or rust in our wells. The newer ones are well designed with good cement to surface structure, which means liquid is heavily contained and out of the soil.”

Tyson Thompson represented Tribal Council and stated that the water on the reservation is important

and must always be treated as such.

“As Southern Ute people, we take pride in our water. It’s sacred to us and to our reservation. We appreciate Red Willow Production Company for working close with us on this and keeping our waters updated.”

Upon completion of the investigation, Red Willow Production Company concluded that the water quality in the hillside spring was very similar to domestic water wells in the area. Although piñon and juniper trees were experiencing a die-off, the understory vegetation was claimed to be healthy and thriving. This vegetation consisted of wetland species not typically found in piñon-juniper forests.

Lastly, all of the water and soil samples, which were independently analyzed, were reported below applicable regulatory suspect levels.

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Dr. Brian Talley, Children's Dentist and Pediatrician will be here:

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Thursday	March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 8-5

Please call the Dental Office at 563-4719 or 563-0100 Ext 2368  
To make an appointment for your children





## Family Night at Head Start



Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Families came together for Frito Pie and Bingo at January's Southern Ute Montessori Head Start's Family Night. Bingo helps the young students with number recognition and gets the whole family involved.

## SUPD returns the kindness



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Boys & Girls Club was treated with a surprise pizza party provided by the Southern Ute Police Department in thanks for their contributions with the Random Acts of Kindness program. Club members met with tribal officers on Tuesday, Feb. 2 where they shared "thank you" letters for their services. The Random Acts of Kindness program involves a group discussion between club members where they decide ways of spreading cheer throughout Ignacio. Past acts of kindness included food drives, donations, and giving out cookie bags. Pictured: Club members enjoy their pizza with officer Ferlando Fonseca from the Southern Ute Police Department.

### EDUCATION

## Families in School: Family Literacy Program

**Staff report**  
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*"My Mom thinks it's fun, but I don't."* (She was being extremely honest and she has a lot of support from her family.)

The children don't want to feel they're in it by them-



courtesy Jackie Candelaria/PRCLC

T.J. Herrera and daughter, Aubri at Family Night at the Ignacio Elementary School.

selves. That's why Families In School at Pine River Community Learning Center, in collaboration with the Southern Ute Education Department and the Ignacio School District invite you to attend.

For more information contact, Families In School, Pine River Community Learning Center, Jackie Candelaria at 970-563-0681, ext. 112, or by email, jcan@prclc.org

### Upcoming Ignacio Elementary activities

- **Reading Wednesday**, every Wednesday in the Parent Room at your child's lunch hour.
- **1st Grade Family Night**, Thur. Feb. 18 – 6 p.m. – dinner plus family fun in literacy/numeracy activities. Flyers due home soon. Check your child's backpack on a daily basis!
- **Homework Helpers (for adults)**, Math brush-up for families so they can help their students with homework. Call Jackie at 970-563-0681 ext. 112 for details.
- **Brainy Bobcat Summer Activity Packets**, available upon request at the end of May to help keep your student's mind SHARP over the summer.

## EDUCATION UPDATE

### JOM MEETING

The next Johnson-O'Malley Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Southern Ute Education Building.



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# SUIT Employees. 80's throwdown



**S**outhern Ute Permanent Fund staff dressed up in there 80's best for the tribe's very own Snowdown Throw Down on Friday, Jan. 29.

Photos by Sacha Smith  
The Southern Ute Drum



DEVO made a special appearance disguised as The Southern Ute Drum staff.



Southern Ute tribal elder and Construction Services admin, Florence Williams, sports her 80's inspired hairdo during the contest.



Southern Ute Human Resources Benefits Coordinator, Veronica Lasater, took home first place with her 80's flashback of a valley girl.



Southern Ute Culture Department Special Events Coordinator, Tara Vigil, throws up the horns in her 80's heavy metal head-banger outfit.



Southern Ute Tribal Services Executive Assistant, Precious Collins, donned her rendition of Cowboy Gil from the 1989 movie, Parenthood.

# DGO Snowdown. 80's flashback



The dodgeball challenge made its return to the Durango Recreation Center on Thursday, Jan. 28, pitting a number of teams head-to-head in an intense match of dodgeball fun. The team that came out victorious were the Screaming Eagles, followed by Pocket Rockets and The Cosby's. Youth volunteers, both tribal and non, share a group photo with their subordinates after the dodgeball challenge comes to an end.

Photos by Damon Toledo  
The Southern Ute Drum

**T**he 38th annual Snowdown Festival made its return to Durango with a blast from the past. This year's festivities ran from Jan. 27 to Jan. 31, and featured an 80's style theme that showcased many eventful activities for all ages. Festivalgoers were treated with a variety live music, costume contests, dodge ball, chili cook-offs, dog fashion shows, softball challenges, pole dancing contests, and many others. Snowdown will return next winter as it celebrates 39 years with an Intergalactic Space theme.



Parade goers rock out to Snowdown with their 80's get-up.



Lindsay Box, mentor coordinator for Boys & Girls Club gives directions on how to play the Rubik's cube game during the Cowabunga Wipeout on Saturday, Jan. 30.



Bruce LeClaire (right) gives two teammates instructions on how to assemble the Rubik's Cube, during the Cowabunga Wipeout on Saturday, Jan. 30.



IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Guests putting Cats to the test

Bayfield steals win, Bears seek repeat

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

When word of hot-or-cold Bayfield’s unexpected overtime escape from IHS Gymnasium on Jan. 26 reached hard-luck Dolores, it couldn’t have occurred at a finer time with the Bears set to enter the Bobcats’ den three nights later, hoping to catch the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League’s best in a vulnerable state.

Trailing Ignacio by only eight points, 29-21, after two quarters’ work certainly would have indicated Colorado’s fourth-ranked [CHSAANow.com poll, issued 1/25] 2A crew still wasn’t operating as fluidly as expected, but to DHS’ credit ... they made sure to be the surprise-capable Bears IHS expected.

And the possibility of dropping a second straight stunner never entered the Bobcats’ thinking.

Getting nine points from senior Anthony Manzanares during the third quarter and four from senior Nick Herrera, Ignacio built their lead up to a comfortable 46-27 beginning the tell-all eight minutes – in which Dolores scored nothing. Zero points, against IHS’ clinching 18 (including six by senior Austin McCaw, four from freshman Lawrence Valdez and a three-pointer from sophomore Kai Roubideaux).

Ten of Chris Valdez’s eleven ‘Cats scored at least a point in the 64-27 victory, a welcome recovery from BHS’ 56-55 upset inside the packed house in which the bench wasn’t as productive. Herrera roughed up DHS for a game-best 17 points, eleven keeping Ignacio (10-2, 5-0 SJBL) afloat during the tense first half. Senior Wyatt Hayes, who’d put up a team-high 23 in the OT affair, scored his eight also before intermission.

Classmate Tucker Ward got the Bears for seven, Roubideaux totaled five, senior Chase Sanchez and junior Joaquin King each booked three and sophomore Kruz Pardo two.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Johnny Valdez turns the corner against Bayfield’s Zane Phelps during Jan. 26 action inside IHS Gymnasium.

Senior guard Jalen Balderrama’s 13 paced Dolores (3-11, 1-7 but actually 2-9 overall versus the loop). Senior forward Ben Lykins had eight, and classmates Josh McCoy, Kyle Biery and Branden Donaldson each two.

The Cats were to host Mancos (5-8, 3-3...but 4-4 in reality) next on Tuesday, Feb. 2, but results were unavailable by the Drum’s deadline. Further down the schedule, IHS welcomes Ridgway on Friday, Feb. 5, for a meeting postponed almost a calendar month, then entertains Ouray the next night.

The Trojans will come to town having dipped to fifth in the most recent (issued Monday, Feb. 1) CHSAANow.com Class 1A poll, with Ignacio also bumped down a

spot to No. 5 in the revised 2A hierarchy.

AGAINST BAYFIELD

Unluckily unable to seal the deal against the Wolverines, then a ‘Receiving Votes’ team in the Jan. 25 Class 3A rankings, after holding a 13-point lead through three completed quarters, IHS got 13 points from Ward and eight from Manzanares.

Hayes had sank three treys and totaled 15 points before the fourth commenced, but Herrera had been limited to just three and McCaw none, and IHS’ only bench points were three from Pardo and Johnny Valdez’s bank-shot triple late in the second quarter (after which the contest was tied at 23-23).

The Top Ten, starting February

1. Sanford, 2. Loveland Resurrection Christian, 3. Julesburg/Ovid Revere Sedgwick County, 4. Paonia, 5. IGNACIO, 6. Rye, 7. Ordway Crowley County, 8. Holyoke, 9. Ault Highland, 10. Center. (Receiving Votes: Ellicott, Haxtun, Greeley Dayspring Christian, Oak Creek Soroco, Burlington)

JV split wins



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio JV Lady Bobcat Reyna Cruz (35) simultaneously grasps a rebound at the same instant as Bayfield’s Maddi Foutz (14) during action inside IHS Gymnasium on Tuesday, Jan. 26. The visiting Lady Wolverines wouldn’t come much closer to grabbing a win than this; IHS prevailed 43 to 29.

Ignacio JV guard Joe Vigil (23) takes contact from a Dolores defender during 2A/1A San Juan Basin League action inside IHS Gymnasium on Friday, Jan. 29. Able to race out to a 9-0 lead on the Bears in only 68 seconds, the Bobcats would go into halftime leading 24-8 and eventually put DHS away to fully recover from a loss to 3A Bayfield.

IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bear-ly there: Girls drill Dolores

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Eager to follow up a 68-35 trouncing of non-league local rivals Bayfield, the Lady Bobcats again took to the IHS Gymnasium court three evenings later on Friday, Jan. 29, and punctuated Winter Homecoming Week 2016 with a 60-27 drubbing of 2A/1A San Juan Basin League nemesis Dolores.

Blasting out to a 20-6 lead after just one quarter against the once-mighty Lady Bears, Ignacio overcame a much slower second to separate for good in the third – winning the stanza 17-7 and going into the fourth up 48-24 DHS reserve Teegan Hite’s three-pointer in the closing frame gave the guests eight players with points, but the shot was without any additional support



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Cortney Wilson-Baker goes for a steal against Bayfield’s Tymbree Florian, Jan. 26 inside IHS Gymnasium.

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Winter royalty crowned



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Senior Winter Royalty Queen is ... Miriam Fernandez Lopez (middle) with Shane Seibel and crowned by fellow senior, Wyatt Hayes.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Bekah Powell Senior Winter Royalty Princess stands with Austin McCaw and her mother.



courtesy Heather Frost

Hailey Ruybal, Sophomore Winter Royalty Princess and dad, Ben Ruybal pose center court.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Winter Royalty Freshman Princess, Samara O'John was crowned by Lakota TwoCrow and walked in by stepdad Jeremy Rock.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Cortney Wilson-Baker, Senior Winter Royalty Princess stood by her father, Jacob Baker and crowned by Anthony Manzanares.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Rachel Cooper, Junior Winter Royalty Princess was crowned by Joaquin King (right).



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while IHS coasted down the home stretch.

Lady Cat senior Ellie Seibel’s 19 points led all, and sophomore Hilda Garcia followed her 25-point effort versus the 3A Lady Wolverines with 16 against Dolores (8-6, 5-3 SJBL... but actually 7-4 against all loop foes).

Sophomore Avionne Gomez had eight points for Ignacio (9-3, 5-0), junior Alejandra Lujan had five, soph Allisianna Baker and senior Miriam Fernandez-Lopez each had four and senior Cortney Wilson-Baker two.

Fernandez-Lopez also pulled in 12 rebounds for the victors, while Seibel grabbed seven.

Freshman Tatum Majors paced the Lady Bears with six points as senior weapon Nichole Kibel was held to three. Junior Madi Archuleta had five, senior Larissa Umberger scored four and freshman Aryelle Wright three.

Up next, IHS – bumped from tenth to No. 8 in the Feb. 1 CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll – will host Ridgway Friday, Feb. 5, in a SJBL contest long delayed by weather, then entertain Ouray the following afternoon in another circuit fixture. Results from the



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Alejandra Lujan (23) happily launches a long-range jumper against Bayfield, Jan. 26 inside IHS Gymnasium.

Lady Bobcats’ 2/2 visit from Mancos were unavailable by the Drum’s deadline.

### AGAINST BAYFIELD

Practically scoring two points for every one al-

lowed, Ignacio led Bayfield 18-9 after one quarter, 37-18 at halftime and 50-24 after 24 completed regulation minutes. Putting the game emphatically away in the fourth, Garcia drained the last two of her five treys and Gomez her first two in the rout.

She would finish with 13 points (ten coming after intermission) and Seibel booked eight. Fernandez-Lopez and Lujan each netted six and senior Chrystianne Valdez five. BHS juniors Amber Johnson and Maddi Foutz led the visitors with 12 and seven points, respectively.

## GRAPPLERS GRAB FOURTH • FROM PAGE 1

“It’s an amazing feeling to ... know you affected somebody’s life in such a positive way. So to be able to distinguish Tyler – especially with his performance today! – I thought it was beautiful for him and for all of us.”

And it took someone of Baughman’s caliber to finally slow Beebe’s roll.

After pinning three opponents all inside of 90 seconds during the weight’s pool-play phase and then handling Hamilton, Beebe braved Baughman for six hard minutes – Coaches Larsen and Appenzeller agreed it was his best head-to-head yet with the Bulldog senior – before succumbing on the scoreboard 13-6.

“I thought today we finished all of our matches – win, loss or draw – in high levels of intensity,” Larsen said. “Which is exactly what you want to see going into the regional tournament and state tournament.”

“Overall I would say we have started to find that element of ‘battle’ you want to see.”

And battle the Bobcats did, with Pena and junior Ethan Appenzeller bagging individual titles at 160 and 138 pounds, respectively, and IHS as a whole ending up in fourth place behind 3A Bayfield, 3A Pagosa Springs and first-place CHS (skipped by former Ignacio boss Bob Overturf).

“This is my first year doing really, really good, you know, and yesterday was kind of a bummer,” Appenzeller said, referring to the previous night’s close, non-league dual loss to BHS junior Ryan Nava in a clash of Class 2A’s top-ranked

138-pounder and 3A’s top-ranked 145. “I really wanted to do good today, so I’m pretty happy with the outcome, of course. Who wouldn’t be?”

Appenzeller went 5-0 on the day, including three pool-play pins and a 15-0 tech of PSHS’ Nick Talamante before he stuck CHS’ Colton Hoerr 35 ticks into the championship bout’s second period.

“At the beginning of the year we just worked skill and on doing that, and now we’re getting ready for State, having all the energy we can for last-second matches,” he said. “I definitely think we’re getting ... to our peak.”

Named Upper Weight Outstanding Wrestler (Baughman was the Lower Weight O/W), Pena also was a dominant 5-0 at ‘The Melton’ beginning with a 20-5 education of 5A Aztec, New Mexico’s Zach Schmidt, ending with a 10-2 major decision over Bayfield junior Macoy Michaeli, and pinning three victims in between.

“That ‘peak’ is almost here – in the next week or two – and right before regionals is when we’ll hit it,” Pena said. “We all wrestled our best; all of our kids are putting it all out there – even our JV kids! Overall I think we all wrestled tough and did our best!”

“We’ve been doing practice at a pretty high level, you know, just trying to push ourselves and make ourselves better no matter who we’re wrestling in the room ... always trying to push each other!” said junior Dalton Mickey, who went 4-1 and took third at 145 with a pin of Dolores’ Aiden Hopcia 1:58 into the second period.

Fellow Cat Dustin Sanchez finished eighth in the division after going 1-4 (one loss, an 18-2 tech fall, unfortunately came against Mickey), with the win a pin

of BHS’ Tyler Conner 1:53 into the first period.

“There was a lot of good teams here, I believe, and there was some pretty tough matches; it was pretty equal on the brackets,” Mickey said. “I’m making progress as well as the whole team is, and we’re just trying to push ourselves and become better all-around athletes.”

Junior Timmy Plehinger went 3-2 at 152 and also finished in third place after final-round losses to eventual champ Dalton Lucero of PSHS (by an 8-3 margin) and runner-up Andrew Morgan of 2A Mancos (a 7-5 verdict). He was also Ignacio’s only other wrestler entered in the meet, with 113-pounder Stocker Robbins and 170-pounder Mark Kempinski also observing from the seats.

“He should be back before regionals. I mean, he said he will, so ...,” Pena said hopefully of Robbins, resting an injured knee (inside which Robbins, a junior, said could be a damaged ligament and/or cartilage). “But I don’t want him to keep getting hurt; there’s always next year! I know he’ll win [the Invitational] next year!”

Ethan Appenzeller said the team has been doing pretty good despite having a short squad.

Larsen said, tongue-in-cheek, “It’s never as crisp as you want to see – at this point – but have we stepped up every single practice every single day to get to where we’re at now? Yes. And if we continue to make those stair-steps for the next two weeks, three weeks, we have good chances at State and regionals.”

The 2A-Region I Championships are set for Feb. 12-13 at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, with each weight class sending its top four wrestlers to the 2016 CHSAA State Championships (2/18-20) in Denver.

### The Top Ten, starting February

1. Yuma, 2. Paonia, 3. Cedaredge, 4. Wray, 5. Haxtun, 6. Akron, 7. Oak Creek Soroco, **8. IGNACIO**, 9. Kiowa, 10. Kremmling West Grand.

(Receiving Votes: Swink, Ellicott, Ault Highland, Simla, Burlington, Del Norte, Colorado Springs Evangelical Christian, Lyons, Sargent, Evergreen Clear Creek, Sanford, Edwards Vail Christian)



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## OBITUARIES



**FROST** – On January 15, 2016, Jeannette “Jen” Rae Frost passed into the Spirit World to meet her Creator after battling a short illness.

Jen was born June 22, 1979 in Durango, Colo., to Raymond Frost, Sr. and Edna Barry Frost.

Jen was a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the St. Ignatius Catholic Church and was a strong believer in the Catholic faith as well as her Ute culture and traditions.

Jen graduated from Ignacio High School and attended a nursing program at Pueblo Community College. She planned to finish her nursing degree to take care of others. Jen worked as an Administrative Assistant with various departments

within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Southern Ute Growth Fund.

Jen was loved by all who knew her. She could put a smile on anyone’s face and make anyone and everyone feel special.

She loved her friends and family, especially her nieces, nephews, and cousins, all who called her “Auntie.” She was known for her humor, smile, love of life, and contagious laughter.

Jen loved animals, especially her horses and dogs. She had excellent horsemanship skills and participated in parades as well as Grand Entries for Rodeos. Jen was an avid Denver Broncos fan! She also enjoyed various types of music, camping, fishing, family gatherings, and traveling.

Jen is survived by: her parents, Raymond and Edna Frost, Sr.; God Mother, Marjorie Barry; partner, DeRoy Watts and step daughter, Karma; Sisters: Heather Pardo, Lena Melrose, Roxane Bigleggins, Yvonne Phillips, and Amy Barry; Brothers: Raymond Frost, Jr., Emmett Frost, Glen Frost, Rodney Red, Preciliano Barry, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Jen was preceded in death by her Godfather, Benny Barry; Sisters: Audrey Nissen, Marian Frost, Bernadine Frost and Brother, Dale Frost.

Services have already occurred. A wake was held on January 18, 2016 at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Chapel, a Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Ignatius Catholic Church on Jan. 19, 2016 and interment took place at Ouray Memorial Cemetery.

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### SOBRIETY NEW YEAR’S POWWOW THANKS

Healing Spirits, an aftercare alumni group from Peaceful Spirit, would like to thank the following people for helping us make our inaugural Sobriety New Year’s Powwow a success. We are committed to promoting sober, family-oriented events.

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#### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No.: 2015-NC-0114**

**DeBarry Gerone Cloud, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that DeBarry Gerone Cloud filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Barry Gerone Cloud. As of Feb. 1, 2016 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that DeBarry Gerone Cloud name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Barry Gerone Cloud.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 2016.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

#### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,**  
**Jeannette Rae Frost,**  
**Case No.: 2016-PR-0016**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **FEB. 29, 2016 at 3 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 27th of January, 2016  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

#### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No.: 2016-NC-0012**

**Corey Lloyd Richards, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Corey Lloyd Richards has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Corri Maureese Watts-Chase. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **5 PM FEB. 26, 2016**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2016.  
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

#### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No.: 2015-NC-0116**

**Julia Mae Cruz, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Julia Mae Cruz filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Juliya Mae Valdez. As of Feb. 1, 2016 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Julia Mae Cruz name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Juliya Mae Valdez.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2016.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

#### NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No.: 2015-NC-0118**

**Mikki Roubideaux, Civil Subject**

Notice is hereby given that Mikki Roubideaux filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Mikki S. Naranjo. As of Jan. 25, 2016 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Mikki Roubideaux name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Mikki S. Naranjo.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2016.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

#### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,**  
**Sandra Burch, Deceased**

**Case No.: 015-PR-0092**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MARCH 14, 2016 at 3 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 1st of February, 2016  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

#### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,**  
**Janis May Peabody, Deceased**

**Case No.: 2015-PR-0106**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **FEB. 29, 2016 at 3 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 13th of January, 2016  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

#### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,**  
**Josephine Lister, Deceased**

**Case No.: 2015-PR-115**

Notice: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **FEB. 9, 2016 at 3 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 13th of January, 2016  
Dolores Romero, Deputy Court Clerk

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## COMMUNITY WISHES

#### Allisianna

Sixteen years ago on Feb. 1, 2000 at 1:51 p.m. I brought a beautiful little girl into the world. I want to wish my beautiful daughter Allisianna Baker a very happy sweet 16th birthday today Feb. 1, 2016. May God bless you and keep you safe. I so very proud of all of you accomplishments you have made. You truly have the drive and strength to thrive and reach your goals.

*I Love You, Mom*

#### Happy 4th Birthday

Landyn Cody Bravo; “Little Bear”! We are all so blessed to have you in our lives! You are so cute, smart, full of wonder and curious about everything around you! What a wise little boy you’re becoming! We love you so much. You have filled our lives with much pride and joy. Here’s wishing you lots of love, hugs, cake, ice cream and fun presents on your special day! May the Creator always watch over you, keep you safe and guide you through your journey in life.

*Love Always, Grandma Cookie, auntie Natalie, auntie Mavis, Brandon and your little cousins, Cassidy, Romeo & Sammy*

#### Happy Birthday AhKeem

Jan. 29, two years ago, was the day I was once again blessed with another Grandson. Another joyous day to celebrate, as you have now turned two. You’ve grown so fast and you’re so silly – your dancing, your car noises – memories every day. We love you AhKeem!

*Papa, big brother KJ and big sister Keelyn*



#### ALBERT GUNN REDD III CONGRATS

Tribal member Albert Gunn Redd III was recognized by his high school, the Native American Community Academy (NACA) in Albuquerque, N.M. for having a 3.5 GPA or higher for the last quarter. He will be graduating in the spring and we couldn’t be more proud of his hard work. Love, Mom & Dad

## EARLY Drum Deadline

**Next issue:  
Feb. 22  
Deadline:  
Feb. 15**

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: [sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov)

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Attention water users  
Pine River Indian Irrigation Project

We will be implementing of collecting a water request ticket for all water users for the 2016 irrigation season. Water request ticket will be available at the BIA Irrigation Office, 811 CR 517, Bldg., 151, Ignacio CO. The ticket will be used to determine the consumer's water needs and will be used to determine when and where to deliver water. For information please call 970-563-9484.

ORDER # 1076-0041  
Expires: 08/31/2016

**WATER REQUEST**  
SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY  
PINE RIVER IRRIGATION PROJECT  
IGNACIO, CO

REQUESTER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME OF REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT NO: \_\_\_\_\_ SERIAL NO: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

CANAL/LATERAL: \_\_\_\_\_ HEAD GATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ACRES TO IRRIGATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF CROP GROWN: \_\_\_\_\_

DIVERSION AMOUNT REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME ON: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME OFF: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DITCH/KICKER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST must be in at least 72 hours and not over 7 days prior to desired time of water delivery. WATER USERS must be responsible for water until returned to canal. Use one request for each turnout.



Your input is needed! Our club Board of Directors create its vision, plan programs, develop funding and more. We are looking for experienced people who are invested in this community's youth and are excited about being a key component of this organization. There are open positions for tribal or community members with financial and/or leadership experience.

Applications are available at [www.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org)

For more information please contact Mr. Bruce LeClaire, CPO, at (970) 563-0100 x 2694

Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors Meeting

The BGC February meeting will be held Feb. 8, 2016. The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Board of Directors regularly meets on the third Monday of every month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Building.



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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Boards And CommitteesVacancies

ETHICS COMMISSION – TWO VACANCIES

The Ethics Office is accepting letters of interest from tribal members to fill ONE vacancy for “Ethics Commission Member” position and for ONE vacancy for “Alternate Member-At-Large” on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. The Ethics Commission meets on an Ad Hoc basis and members that are NOT otherwise employed with the tribal organization are compensated at a rate of \$100 per half day. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice and Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way by March 25, 2016. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

The Tribe is seeking an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member to fill ONE 3-year seat on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested tribal members must submit a brief letter of interest to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, March 4, 2016.

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens & Tribal Elders. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair Rodeo Queens and tribal Elders to serve on the Royalty Committee. There are two positions open for a former Royalty/Fair Rodeo Queen. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. To support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history, to promote and recruit applicants, to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner, other duties associated with the committee. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. Meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Open until filled.

MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is seeking a qualified tribal or community member for its all-volunteer Board of Directors. The candidate should possess strong fundraising, marketing, and/or volunteer recruitment skills. For an application and position description, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. Open until filled.



### Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://www.sugf.com/jobs.asp) to view job details and to apply online.

Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO

Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024

Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

#### Senior Vice President – Regional Division – GF Properties (Durango, CO)

Closing date 2/9/16

GF Real Estate Group Regional Division operations, ensuring its financial resources are used in the most effective, efficient, and profitable manner. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor’s Degree in accounting, finance, real estate, an engineering discipline, or other closely related field. Must: Fifteen years of business experience with at least ten years in real estate development, residential and commercial construction; Five years direct experience in senior management of major real estate development projects; Direct experience in senior management in custom and production home building; A demonstrated familiarity with architectural, engineering, legal, marketing, and other related disciplines involved in real estate development and construction; Skilled in effective verbal and written communication; Possess sound public speaking, interpersonal and negotiating skills; An aptitude for problem solving and decision making; Possess a high level of integrity, honesty and fairness; Pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test; Possess a valid driver’s license for state of residency, be insurable through the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy.

#### Environmental Compliance Specialist II – Red Willow (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 2/9/16

Completing a range of environmental tasks of moderate scope, including permit submittals, writing environmental specifications and plans, auditing and field work. Work in a specific discipline or work across all disciplines with moderate or limited supervision. Minimum qualifications include: Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Science, Biological Science, Physical Science or Engineering and five years’ work experience performing environmental tasks, two years’ of which must be performing environmental tasks in the oil and gas industry. Must; Be ble to understand and interpret major regulatory programs and explain their purpose (i.e., Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, CERCLA, RCRA), to include impact on oil and gas operations; Have computer-based data management and analysis skills in order to assist in developing and establishing EHS database systems for tracking environmental data, compliance related permits, documents, monitoring reports, audits; Have good organizational skills and be capable of maintaining data in hard files and digitally; Be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment; Have working knowledge of federal and state environmental rules and regulations; Have experience in computer software programs within the MS Windows environment including Word, Excel, Assess, PowerPoint and Project; Have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under the RWPC vehicle insurance policy; Pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

### Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137

TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome

Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

#### \*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 2/5/16

Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old+. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

#### \*Security Officer (Full-time)

Closing Date 2/5/16

Responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. The department is responsible for guest and employee safety on property. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old+. Must have a valid driver’s license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have 2 yrs minimum experience in law enforcement, security or related field. Must acquire First Aid/CPR training within the first year of employment.

#### \*Slot Floor Supervisor (Full-time)

Closing Date 2/8/16

Responsible for the daily operation and function of their assigned shift as well as the ongoing supervision and support of Slot Floor personnel. Ensures that guests are provided with a professional, friendly, and

courteous gaming experience while adhering to all appropriate gaming regulations. Must be at least 21 years old+. Must have High School diploma/equivalency. Prior Slot Floor experience required. Must be available to work all shifts (24 hour schedule). Must have good computer skills, including familiarity with MS Windows, Outlook, Excel and Word.

#### \*User Support/Database Administrator – (Full-time)

Closing Date 2/8/16

Provides database and systems maintenance and support for the various database systems in use at Sky Ute Casino Resort. Supports all systems on Casino property. Provides support for the departments as necessary in a 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year operation. Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science or related field and 3 yrs experience in DBMS (Database Management Systems) or systems development, or equivalent experience. Preferably the experience will be in a client/server environment. Must have knowledge and experience in working with and supporting accounting systems. Preferably the experience will be in an Aristocrat Environment. Must have knowledge and experience in the development of database systems utilizing MS SQL Server. Preferably the applicant will be MS SQL certified. Must have experience in installation and configuration of Windows Server 2008 or 2012 in a clustered environment.

*\*Must be 21 years of age*

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

#### Senior Detention Officer

Closing date 2/3/16

Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

#### After School Guide (Part-time)

Closing date 2/4/16

Regular part-time position that provides education and physical activities for the after school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after school program.

#### Family Practice Physician

Closing date 2/5/16

Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

#### Dentist

Closing date 2/9/16

Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental program to ensure that effective dental services are provided and quality standards are met.

#### Facilities Operations Manager

Closing date 2/10/16

Assists Sun Ute Director with the operations and internal coordination of Sun Ute Community Center activities. Assists with the development of marketing, special events, special projects and public relations. Oversees and supports staff, operational procedures, facility set-up/breakdown, scheduling of activities and inventory management. Managerial responsibilities guiding and scheduling employees. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

#### Home Health Care Aide (3 positions)

Closing date 2/10/16

Under general supervision of the Lead Community Health Representative, provides activities and care to elders who require care and home base services, resources and living assistance in their homes. The HHC Aide provides and coordinates individualized care and resources to elders, disabled and others so that they may continue to live in their homes and in the community. Home Care may include transportation, house cleaning,

personal hygiene, providing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

#### Nurse Practitioner (2 positions)

Closing date 2/10/16

Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Clinical Director. Will have access to the family practice physicians and clinical director for consultation and referrals.

#### Public Health Nurse

Closing date 2/11/16

Registered Nurse position, providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

#### Human Resources Director

Closing date 2/16/16

Under general direction of the Executive Officer, management of the Human Resources Department, Employee Benefits Division, and the Risk and Emergency Management Division within the Tribal Organization. Planning activities, overseeing direction of department and establishing an internal evaluation process for the Human Resources Department. Day-to-day supervision, problem resolution, support, guidance, policy interpretation, and technical assistance to directors, division heads, and supervisors.

#### System Support Specialist

Closing date 2/11/16

Under coordination of the Systems Administrator(s), provide Systems administration, maintenance, and support for all Southern Ute Tribal internal and external customers. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

#### Crisis Caseworker

Open until filled

Provides counseling referrals for resources available to victims of crime within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 15; \$13.89/hour.

#### Patrol Officer

Open until filled

Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

#### Native American Only

#### Administrative Assistant-Housing

Closing date 2/8/16

Performs administrative support for the Housing Department, including secretarial duties, receptionist, clerical and information system support, including office records management services. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

#### Patrol Officer Trainee

Closing date 2/10/16

Trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The trainee

will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

#### Criminal Investigator

Open until filled

Investigates alleged or suspected violations of criminal law that occur within the criminal jurisdiction of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Compiles reports, collects evidence and witness statements, and prepares cases for presentation in Tribal or Federal Court. Pay grade 22; \$29.75/hour.

#### Southern Ute Tribal Member Only

#### Agriculture Field Supervisor Apprentice

Closing date 2/4/16

The length of the apprentice program is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction. There will be with quarterly evaluations based upon performance. The beginning wage is 20% below a grade 18. The program is designed to meet the interests of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a desire to learn the process involved with agricultural production, custom farming practices and staff management and supervision.

#### Central Supply Clerk

Closing date 2/10/16

Under general supervision of the Purchasing Manager, assisting the Central Supply Technician with the Supply Room and Central Receiving. Assisting with maintenance of Supply Room inventory, processing and distributing Supply Room orders, and processing and distributing shipments received through Central Receiving. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

### SUCAP – Job announcements

Southern Ute Community Action Program

Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-4517 • Fax: 970-563-4504

Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices • [www.sucap.org](http://www.sucap.org)

#### Substitute Cook – SUCAP Head Start

Closing date 2/12/16

Assist staff in preparing meals for children and adults. Will maintain kitchen cleanliness, experience cooking for large groups preferred. Must be able to lift at least 30 pounds, pass background checks, willing to obtain food handlers permit. Regular, dependable attendance is a must.

### Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221

Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)

#### Multiple Ignacio School District job openings

All jobs – Open until filled

Welding Teacher Substitute, Kindergarten Aide, Counselor, Counseling Secretary, Elementary Science, Assistant Soccer and Track coaches.

## 2016 Southern Ute Drum Deadlines

DEADLINE DATES	Publication dates	Federally recognized holidays & tribal office closures
Jan. 4	Jan. 8	New Year's Day (1/1), offices closed 1/1
Jan. 15*	Jan. 22	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/18), offices closed 1/18
Feb. 1	Feb. 5	Valentine's Day (2/14)
Feb. 12	Feb. 19	
Feb. 29	Mar. 4	President's Day (2/15), offices closed 2/15
Mar. 14	Mar. 18	Easter (3/27)
Mar. 28	Apr. 1	April Fools Day (4/1)
Apr. 11	Apr. 15	
Apr. 25	Apr. 29	May Day (5/1), Mother's Day (5/8)
May 9	May 13	
May 23	May 27	Memorial Day (5/30), offices closed 5/30. <b>SU Bear Dance (5/27-30)</b>
Jun. 6	Jun. 10	Father's Day (6/19)
Jun. 20	Jun. 24	Independence Day (7/4), offices closed 7/4
Jul. 1*	Jul. 8	Sun Dance Feast (7/18), offices closed 7/18. <b>SU Sun Dance (7/14-18)</b>
Jul. 15	Jul. 22	
Aug. 1	Aug. 5	
Aug. 15	Aug. 19	
Aug. 29	Sep. 2	Labor Day (9/5), offices closed 9/5. Grandparent's Day (9/11)
Sep. 12	Sep. 16	<b>SU Tribal Fair &amp; Powwow (9/9-11)</b>
Sep. 26	Sep. 30	
Oct. 10	Oct. 14	Cultural Diversity Day (10/10)
Oct. 24	Oct. 28	Halloween (10/31)
Nov. 4*	Nov. 10*	Veterans Day (11/11), offices closed (11/11)
Nov. 17*	Nov. 23*	Thanksgiving (11/24), offices closed 11/24 & 11/25
Dec. 2*	Dec. 8*	Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10), offices closed 12/9
Dec. 19	Dec. 23	Christmas (12/25), offices closed 12/26
		<i>*denotes early deadline or publication date</i>

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AIR QUALITY

Air-Now reporting

Staff report  
SU AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

The Air Quality Program (AQP) has recently increased the accessibility of current ambient air quality conditions for tribal members and residents of the Reservation. By obtaining Tribal Council approval to begin data submissions to the EPA's AirNow website on October 6, 2015. Air quality monitoring data collected at the Southern Ute Indian Tribes' two air monitoring stations are submitted to AirNow and Air Quality Index (AQI) information is available to the public. The AirNow site obtains the Tribes ambient air monitoring data and compiles this data into current AQI, daily AQI, and an AQI forecast value for the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The AQI information reported is a representation of how clean or polluted the ambient air

is and what health concerns you may experience within certain time frames after breathing polluted air. The AQI is calculated for five different pollutants that are regulated by the Clean Air Act. The five include: ground level ozone, particulate pollution, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and nitrogen dioxide. Airborne particulates and ground level ozone are the two regulated pollutants that pose the greatest threat to health in the U.S. The AQI runs on a numerical scale from 0-500. The higher the AQI value the larger the amount of air pollution is being detected, along with a higher risk of health concerns. Anything below an AQI level of 100 is considered satisfactory with low health risks, while above 100 the air quality is considered unhealthy and continues to gain risk as the values increase.

The purpose of the AQI is to help residents of the Reservation understand what local air quality means to their health. The AQI is divided into six categories (see graph below). When connected to the Air-Now website tribal members and residents of the Reservation will be able to follow the links to a current AQI value and color code specifically for the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. To find current AQI information, tribal members and area residents can visit the Air Quality Program website and follow the links at: [www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/) or, simply go to the direct link at: <http://www.airnow.gov/> and select Colorado or enter a zip code. AirNow also offers a mobile app that can be downloaded on smart phones and other mobile devices.

Air Quality Index Levels of Health Concern	Numerical Value	Meaning
Good	0 to 50	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
Moderate	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected.
Unhealthy	151 to 200	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
Very Unhealthy	201 to 300	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.
Hazardous	301 to 500	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects.

FLY-FISHING

Streamers: Easy and fun to tie

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

For those of you that read my columns but haven't fished with me, and for those that don't read my columns but have fished with me, you know I don't like fly-fishing with nymphs. In fact, I refuse to fly fish with a bobber (strike indicator), two or three tiny flies, and a split shot weight. It's just not my idea of fun. However, I have started tying and fly fishing with streamers. Now, before you start calling me a hypocrite, I don't believe nymphs and streamers are even remotely related. Streamers are big, therefore easy to tie to a leader. They also can be made to sink without a split shot weight, and you set the hook when you feel the fish take the fly. Streamers can also be fished in lakes, ponds, salt or fresh water, deep, shallow, slow or fast moving streams. You can't do all that with tiny nymphs. If you've never fished with streamers, you will find an endless number of patterns to choose from. In a recent review of patterns in one fly fishing catalog I counted over 100 fresh and saltwater patterns. Of these patterns the Woolly Boogier, invented by Russell Blessing, and the soft hackle seem to be the most common and copied patterns. In fact, the soft hackle is the subject of a three-volume set of books by Sylvester Nemes. Mr. Nemes believes the soft hackle is the only fly you need in your fly box. I like



having more than one pattern. If you were to use only store bought flies your choices are many. If you tie your own streamers your choices are endless. I use streamers when dries aren't working. I tie streamers because my creative side is showcased in my streamer collection. Deciding on what I want a streamer to look like is my first step. So, after doing hours of research, usually on the water, I come up with something I want to imitate. These imitations can be minnows, worms, snakes, panfish, big leaches, or anything else that swims and lives in the water. Once I have decided on a water animal, the first item I try to imitate is its size (no size 22's here). I then go to shape, followed by color, then how deep I want to fish it, and how fast I want it to get there. I have the most fun in working with various color schemes. The reason for various colors is I never know, from year-to-year, what the color of the year will be. For example, year before last the color fish liked best was white. Last year the col-

or was green. Who knows what the color of choice will be this year. Therefore, I keep a complete color chart of streamers in my box. Sink rates and depths can be handled in several different ways. You can tie all your flies with no weight and then attach split shot weights to your leader. You can also use a sinking tip leader. Or, tie some lead wire to the shank of the hook. The problem with that is if you are like me, you can't remember what you did yesterday, much less two weeks ago when you were tying streamers. You might pick a fly that sinks rapidly when in fact what you wanted is one that hovers two inches below the surface. Getting old does have its drawbacks. Shape is simply making the streamer resemble the creature you have used for a model. This brings me to my quest for this year. I am attempting to tie really succulent minnows. I'm doing this because I love fly-fishing for bass, and bass love minnows. So, if you see me in a bait shop, without my grandchildren, know I am researching product and not fishing with bait. Once you are finished tying for the day, tie one more fly. Gather all the remnants of the material you have used, get a big hook, and then tie what I call the bench fly. It's a fly tied with everything left over. Then use it. You'll be surprised at how many fish a big and ugly streamer will catch, as opposed to well-thought-out art.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Feb. 5

Partly sunny 26°F

Saturday, Feb. 6

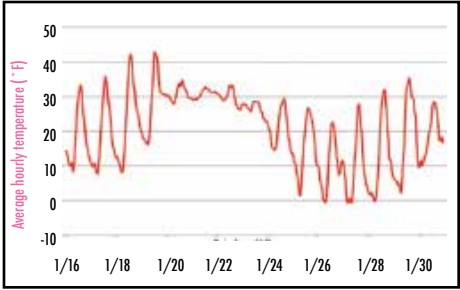
Mostly sunny 31°F

Sunday, Feb. 7

Sunny 32°F

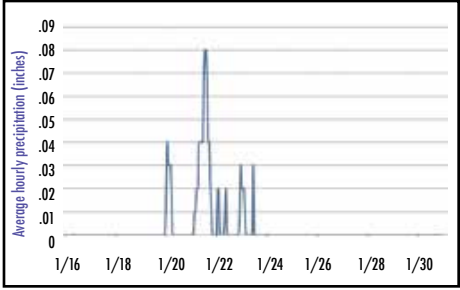


Weather data for January 16 – January 30



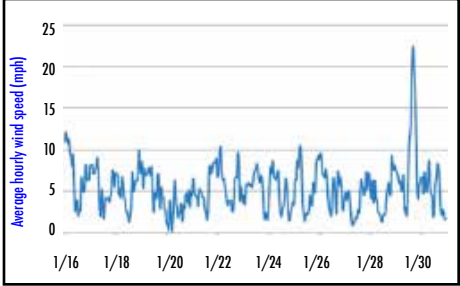
Temperature

High	45.7°
Low	-0.8°
Average	23.2°
Average last year	3.03°



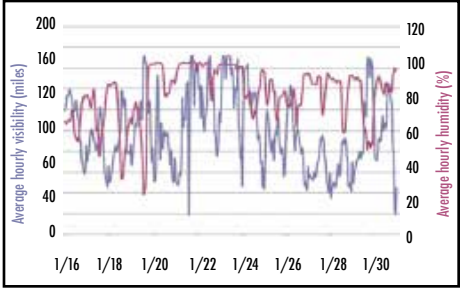
Precipitation

Total	1.150"
Total last year	1.910"



Wind speed

Average	5.6
Minimum	0.0
Maximum	22.4



Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	100.7
Average humidity	75.1%

Air quality	
Good	
Air quality descriptor: 41	

TRIBAL HOUSING

Cedar Point Housing Initiative

All Southern Ute Tribal Members

Staff report  
CEDAR POINT HOUSING  
INITIATIVE TEAM

The Cedar Point Housing Initiative team, a Council approved work group within the Permanent fund of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, has been moving forward on development of the expansion of the Cedar Point Subdivision. Starting in January 2016, there will

be numerous consultants/contractors that will be on site at the existing Cedar Point Subdivision. Currently the estimated completion time of this phase of development is scheduled for Fall of 2016. All consultants/contractors shall be identifiable by wearing proper safety gear, and will not be entering any person's individual lot for this work without

prior notice. Southern Ute Tribal Members may contact Tribal Housing for any questions or concerns. Tribal Housing can be reached at 970-563-0100, ext. 2723; via email at [vmirabal@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:vmirabal@southernute-nsn.gov), or you can visit in person at 15168 Highway 172, Tribal Housing Office located at the old Casino south parking lot.

# Membership Outreach Meeting and Scoring Night!

Join us for dinner. Take some time to meet the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board and to talk about your wildlife resources

Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm  
Multipurpose Building

Official B&C Scorers from the Jicarilla Apache G&F will be on hand to score your trophies

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